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The Issue in Missouri

Whatever the democrats may plan for the coming campaign, the paramount issue to be presented to the people by republican leaders will be approval of the administration and policies of Governor Hadley. This will naturally make the governor the republican leader and will direct the thought of the people to the policies and achievements of his administration. While the republicans will make a strong campaign for United States senator, they will be in the campaign to elect the legislature and the nominees of the party for railroad and warehouse commissioner, superintendent of schools and supreme judge and to elect a larger representation in congress. The election of a legislature pledged to the policies of the present state administration and to the further progress of good government for the state will be the chief end in view, for if a republican legislature is elected, the republican nominee for senator will be elected.

The republicans will not be divided and disturbed by factional controversies. The party will be organized for victory all along the line. The defeat of any man the democrats may nominate for United States senator will naturally follow the election of a republican majority in the legislature. The present state administration is on trial before the people and ready to render an account of stewardship. The appeal will be to the people, not to the politicians. It remains for Missouri voters to pass, primarily, on the policies and performances of the state administration. No issue can be injected into the campaign which will overshadow that.

A Diplomat

President Taft, from the pulpit of the huge Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, on Sunday delivered a real sermon which was worth consideration. "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger," was his text from the Proverbs of Solomon.

Aside from particular significances, there is broad general sense and amity in the idea which the magnificent king thus embalmed.

There is every reason why this big country should dwell in full brotherhood of feeling, each part with its fellow. Once in a while the other folk hold back and are reluctant to concede, but in the main we dwell in the same tents together.

Mr. Taft is there with the diplomatic salve, though at times he can be as firm as a rock and as immovable as the everlasting hills. He understands how to breed conciliation without becoming unctuous, which of itself is a fine art.—St. Louis Times.

Stay in Missouri

It's a bad time to leave Missouri. The long-promised era of better things for this great commonwealth has dawned. A new spirit has been injected into the politics of the state and has been infused in commercial and agricultural circles. The old regime has been permanently abandoned. The state is entering upon an era of better government, better laws, better schools, better farms, better business methods and better affairs generally. The spirit of progress and improvement has taken fast hold on the people. Land will be more valuable, crops more remunerative, wages higher, homes higher and politics purer. Stay in Missouri and aid in making it the greatest state in the union.

Interest the Boys

The following article from "Successful Farming" should be read by every farmer in this county: Our boys must be kept on the farm if their highest interests are to be served, and if we are to secure from the farm the best results.

Just how this is to be accomplished will vary in different homes, but there are some general means which may be employed under all conditions. First of all the parents should instill into their boys a strong attachment for the home and for everything connected with the farm. This process must begin in very early youth and be continued throughout the boy's youth and early manhood.

The home should be made attractive so that the boys will feel that here they have the best times of all. It is usually the lack of home attractions that leads young boys to seek amusement in the outside world. The boys should learn the hard points in farm life early and be taught to find them interesting. They will naturally enough love the orchard, the green meadows and woods and the stream with its "old swimming hole," but they must love hoe and ax and plow, too, and to feel interested in the truck patch, the garden and the barn yard.

"We learn to do by doing," so just as early as possible our boys should be put to work. The successful farmer of today is he who began work when he was a wee lad, when he could only fill the chip box or feed the poultry.

Yet young boys must not be heavily taxed; a grinding life of work from early dawn till late night, with no remitting summer or winter, is sure to develop a distaste for farm life.

We should teach our boys the dignity of labor; should show them that the "horny hands of toil" are indeed blessed and that the farmer is the prop and stay of our country.

As the boys grow older deeper interest may be awakened by giving to each some special work and responsibility; a certain field to care for and the care of some department of the live stock. We should show our boys that we appreciate their work and need their help. A sense of being useful is a long step toward keeping the boys on the farm.

The farmer should be a thrifty, industrious, interested farmer himself if he would awaken such sentiments in his boys. His example is one of the most powerful agents in training his boys to love farm life. If his farming has proved a failure, if the farm is mortgaged and the treasury low and everybody seems to be having a hard time with no hope for the future, then it is natural that his boys will leave the farm and seek work in the city.

The farm needs our boys. Hired men will never produce the best results, for the incentive of ownership is lacking. If our boys can be convinced that farming pays, if they are happy in their home, interested in their work and have something in life to which they may look forward, the problem is solved.

Fathers, mothers, we must rise to the times, and, more than that, to the needs of our boys, and exert every effort to keep them on the farm. Their happiness and our own depends in a large measure upon it, and the welfare of our country is calling for it in tones that will not be silenced.

The first number of the lecture course will be given at the opera house on the evening of October 20. James Morrison Totten, magician, humorist and impersonator please wherever he appears and is one of the most popular attractions on the circuit.

Items From the High School

The juniors have always liked things well seasoned, so they have added a little "Pepper" to the class.

The basket ball girls are certainly playing solitaire, having failed to match a game with Linneus or Brookfield; however, they are looking forward to better times and expect a great game when some team finds enough courage to play them.

The girls of the high school are preparing an operatta entitled, "On Plymouth Rock," which they expect to give sometime this fall. Keep on the lookout for further announcements, for you can't afford to miss this quaint picture of colonial times.

The pupils of the school were certainly glad to hear that Rev. Powell had been sent back to Laclede for the next conference year. He is one of the best friends of the school and we feel that he has helped to make it better by his inspiring Monday morning talks.

Our football team will play the Brookfield boys Saturday afternoon, October 2, at the ball park just west of L. B. Jones' residence. Show your pride in the school and its body of students by your presence. It encourages and helps us and we are sure you will be fully repaid.

The Excelsior society will hold its first meeting of the year on Friday afternoon, October 8. A very entertaining program has been prepared, a debate being one of the many interesting features. We would be very glad to have a number of visitors on that day and show them what we can do along literary lines.

PHILO AND EXCELSIOR.

Local Notes

Mrs. L. W. Lomax and two children left yesterday to visit her parents at Des Moines, Iowa.

Miss Eunice Thompson returned home last Sunday from a visit at Centerville, Iowa, with her brother and family.

Rev. C. Allen attended conference at Hannibal last week and is now spending a couple of weeks in St. Louis during the carnival.

Sheriff Anderson was here yesterday on business connected with the October term of circuit court that opens at Brookfield next Monday.

Mrs. Etta Foreman and little daughter are home from spending several weeks in the west visiting the Seattle exposition and other places of interest.

Walker's colt show will be held in Laclede this afternoon and there will no doubt be many fine draft colts competing for the liberal premiums he is offering.

The local W. C. T. U. will hold a dime social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Elliott next Tuesday evening, to which all are invited. Sandwiches, coffee, cake and pickles will be served for ten cents.

Rev. L. C. Powell has been returned to the pastorate of the M. E. church for another year. Rev. and Mrs. Powell are well liked here and their many friends, both in and out of the church, are glad to have them remain.

Al. Baker, who conducted a barber shop in Laclede and organized Kate Baker's ladies' band here in 1888, and his wife committed suicide last Monday at Lyons, Nebraska. A telegram to relatives in Chillicothe gave no particulars and it is not known whether Baker killed his wife and then himself or whether it was a double suicide. This was his second wife, the Mrs. Baker who lived in Laclede having died several years ago. Baker and his wife were traveling over the country with a little show.

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